



Figure I-3-8. Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the mouth of Absecon Inlet, 15 September 1944. This is one of a series of images taken after the hurricane of 14 September, a Category 3 storm that caused 390 deaths in the northeast U.S. This photograph illustrates the degree of urban development along this coast. Photograph taken from a blimp from the U.S. Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, NJ. Official U.S. Navy Photograph (from Beach Erosion Board Archives)

participation in coastal protection. A significant legislative event was the passage in 1936 of an Act wherein it was declared the policy of the United States "... to assist in the construction where Federal interests are involved, but not the maintenance, of works for the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States, and to prevent erosion due to the action of waves, tides, and currents, with the purpose of preventing damage to property along the shores of the United States, and promoting and encouraging the healthful recreation of the people..." The Act further authorized the Board "to publish from time to time such useful data and information concerning the protection of beaches as the Board may deem to be of value to the people of the United States..." The act also required that the Board "in making its report on any work or project relating to shore protection shall,